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FORMERLY THANKSGIVING

Village Offering Set Christian Home Week

The season reserved by Mississippi Baptist Convention for an annual appeal by The Baptist Children's Village to the Baptist churches of Mississippi for cash operating support, has been changed from Thanksgiving to Christian Home Week, culminated by Mother's Day, according to an announcement released jointly by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent of The Baptist Children's Village.

The Village, now operating out of its spacious new quarters on Flag Chapel Drive in Jackson, maintains Mississippi Baptists' Christian child care agency, including custodial and campus care of dependent boys and girls, its own system of Baptist private

homes, affiliated with the Village as substitute or "foster" homes for children, expressly needing private care and a general psychological, social and spiritual counseling and guidance service to children and their families who are in need.

The work of The Baptist Children's Village is supported in part by allocations from the Cooperative Program, but, according to Village sources, the boys and girls who are the responsibility of the Village depend upon the designated giving of Mississippi Baptists, through their churches, for approximately 70% of their minimum needs.

In releasing announcement of the change in dates of the special offering, Dr. Quarles stated, "I warmly commend the important mission work of

The Baptist Children's Village and its rather urgent financial needs to the prayerful attention of every Baptist pastor, lay person, and every Baptist church in Mississippi.

"To those of us who are privileged to have almost daily, personal contact with the challenge which boys and girls coming to our Baptist Village for help represent to those who can appreciate the basically spiritual reasons for the crumbling of the private homes which send these children to the church's child care agency for help; there can remain no doubt that the appeal of The Baptist Children's Village constitutes one of the most significant mission appeals to which we Mississippi Baptists can respond.

"There is no doubt in my mind and heart that The Baptist Children's Village is a mission field, and both deserves and requires the prayerful and unselfish support of every Baptist and every Baptist church in that spirit."

Convention Approval
Dr. Quarles further pointed out that the Thanksgiving season has heretofore, for many years, been approved and reserved by Convention sanction as the time of year when the cash needs of Mississippi Baptists' child care program should be supplied by the designated giving of Mississippi Baptist churches.

He explained that after several years of discussions and investigations, Village trustees (Continued on Page 2)

RACE ISSUE IS BIGGEST, SAYS BROOKS HAYS

DeLAND, Fla. (BP)—The race issue is the greatest issue of our time and it must be settled in a moral framework instead of a legislative one, former Arkansas Congressman Brooks Hays said at Stetson University here.

Hays told students, faculty and guests that if the war clouds do not clear, conditions on the race question will worsen.

"Paternal kindness of the 19th century is not adequate for the dynamic 20th century," he said.

State Receipts In 7.1% Gain

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first five months of this convention year, ending March 31, totaled \$1,314,802.74, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

This is an increase of \$86,828.73 or 7.1 percent over the \$1,227,974.01 given the same period a year ago.

Receipts for March totaled \$242,777.25, an increase of \$41,642.71 or 20.7 percent over the \$201,134.54 contributed in March a year ago.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.

Cooperative Program funds are divided proportionately among all causes sponsored by the State Convention and the SBC.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY STATEMENT GIVEN

The Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has released a policy statement on the "Christian Family" which declares that "the Christian home must be maintained as

a bulwark for our churches."

In releasing another in a series of policy statements by the commission, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, is encouraging churches to observe Christian Home Week in May but to do more than an annual program observance in family life.

Dr. Hensley observed that most of the four hundred fifty pastors attending the recent series of Christian Action Commission workshops checked the "Christian Home" as the chief area of concern.

Continuing, he stated, "It is a sad commentary that some over-active churches become enemies of the home, tending to segment families. The churches and families are mutually dependent.

"The Bible presents the family as the basic unit of society and most Christian families are intensely loyal to their churches. The churches should be more supportive of family relationships instead of attempting to take over family functions.

"While we are expecting many churches to observe Christian Home Week or some other similar family life emphasis, we are hopeful that more of our churches will correlate this concern for the home into a total ministry throughout the year."

The text of the policy statement follows:

"The Christian home must be maintained as a bulwark for our churches. The church that is in thine house should become a truism for our communities. This involves proper authority in the home, children conceived in love and anticipated with hope, nurtured in the reverence of God. It further relates to loving fellowship and intensity of belonging that means both security and acceptance for the development of wholesome personality.

"The divorce rate is symptomatic of the breakdown of so many home relationships and whatever may be the (Continued on page 5)



EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM (right) greets the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., R. Jack Robinson (left) outside the church where the Southern Baptist Convention was founded in 1845. Graham spoke during a week-long observance of the church's 150th anniversary.—(BP PHOTO)

IN CONGRESS

Prayer Amendment Bills Introduced

WASHINGTON (BP)—Members of the 90th Congress have introduced a wide variety of bills and resolutions dealing with religion.

Leading them all, but fewer than in previous years, are resolutions calling for a constitutional prayer amendment.

In the House of Representatives, 37 Congressmen have introduced several versions of proposed prayer amendments. In the Senate, 43 have joined Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen (R., Ill.) in sponsoring an amendment that has been radically revised from its 1966 version.

Many observers in Washington think that few, if any, of these proposals will win final approval.

A perennial proposal on the congressional scene is the so-called Christian amendment. It proposes that "this nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, savior and ruler of nations, through whom are bestowed the blessing of almighty God."

Another resolution that has appeared in recent Congresses has again been introduced. It proposes that the Eastern Orthodox Church be recognized as one of the major faiths of the nation.

Thus, the major faiths would be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Eastern Orthodox. It is reported that more than half the states have through their legislatures recognized Eastern Orthodoxy as a major faith. The United States has not recognized any religious group as a major faith.

One House bill would provide for a special canceling stamp or postmarking die for the Post Office bearing the words "For God and Country."

Another would inscribe the motto "In God We Trust" in the courtroom of the United States Supreme Court. It specifies that the motto would be "in gold letters of sufficient size to make the phrase legible throughout the courtroom."

On the negative side, another bill would prohibit the Postmaster General from issuing (Continued on Page 2)

Review Bill Is Approved

By W. Barry Garrett
WASHINGTON (BP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved a bill to allow court tests of the constitutionality of federal loans and grants to church-related institutions.

This is the same bill for "judicial review" that passed the Senate last year but which died without action in the House of Representatives.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D., N.C.) is the chief advocate of the bill. He is joined in its sponsorship by Senators Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), John S. Cooper (R., Ky.), Joseph S. Clark Jr. (D., Pa.), Ralph W. Yarborough (D., Tex.), George A. Smathers (D., Fla.), Spessard L. Holland (D., Fla.), and Hiram L. Fong (R., Hawaii).

An identical bill has been introduced in the House by Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D., N.Y.).

The bill is almost certain of (Continued On Page 2)

Florida Convention Votes New College

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)

The Florida Baptist Convention approved the articles of incorporation and charter for a new Baptist college in West Palm Beach, but only after lengthy debate and a slim majority vote of 242-197.

The vote came after six hours of consideration, which included numerous questions, not quite as many answers, much debate, and numerous statements of conviction, said one observer.

The convention - approved charter will now go to the Florida Secretary of State in Jacksonville for official approval. Once official recognition is given, the school will be officially chartered and the trustees will be authorized to receive property and funds.

Meeting at the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville for a special called session, the convention approved the name of the new institution—Florida Baptist College, Inc.

Much of the debate centered around the question of whether the proposed new school would be established with adequate financial backing.

Proponents of the college reported that a total of \$776,449 has been pledged in a local campaign for the school, with about \$120,000 on hand in cash. A state missions offering of the Florida Baptist Convention brought the total to about \$170,000 now available.

Neither the college committee nor the trustees have developed a long-range financial (Continued on Page 2)



Dr. Albert McClellan

Retreat Planned For Pastors And Missionaries

Baptist pastors as well as associational superintendents of missions from every section of the state are expected to attend the annual Pastor-Missionary Retreat to be held at Camp Garaywa April 24-28.

Dr. Foy Roberts, secretary of the Cooperative Missions Department, sponsor, said that because of the outstanding program arranged for this year a special effort is being made to encourage more pastors to attend.

Visiting speakers will include Dr. Albert McClellan, program planning secretary of the Executive Committee of the SBC, Nashville; Dr. Wilson Brumley, secretary of the Department of Rural-Urban Missions of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. Garland Hendricks, professor of church community development, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; and Rev. Juan Torres, Spanish Baptist pastor from the Canary Islands.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, will preach at each evening service. Leaders from the Baptist Building will also attend and participate on the program.

Music will be under direction of Dan C. Hall, music secretary, with Miss Grace Lovelace, secretary in the Cooperative Missions Department, at the piano.

A part of each afternoon will be devoted to recreation and relaxation. The retreat will open at 2:00 p.m. Monday and continue through Friday at noon.

SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Reach New High

NASHVILLE (BP)—Contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget plan topped the \$6 million mark during the first quarter of 1967 for the first time in the denomination's history.

The quarter's Cooperative Program gifts topped last year's record of \$5.8 million for the first quarter of the year by more than one-half million dollars. The \$6.3 million given during the quarter was an increase of \$556,293 or 9.59 per cent over 1966 gifts.

A record \$12.9 million in contributions to designated SBC world missions causes brought the total for the quarter of \$19.3 million, up more than \$1 million compared to total gifts for the same period last year.

The quarterly financial figures were disclosed in a monthly report prepared by the Executive Committee of the SBC, which channels the gifts from Baptist churches and state conventions to SBC causes throughout the world. Contributions for the month (Continued on Page 2)

Baptist Record Gets ACP Merit Award

NEW YORK (RNS)—The Baptist Record of Jackson, Miss., and Scope of Minneapolis, a Lutheran publication, received Awards of Merit from the Associated Church Press here for "excellence of physical appearance."

Motive of Nashville, Tenn. (Methodist) won a Merit Award for "relevance and quality of contents," and the Messenger of Elgin, Ill. (Church of the Brethren) received a Merit Award for "significant overall improvement over a three-year period."

The four awards were presented by the ACP at its 51st annual convention. The predominantly Protestant and Orthodox association of religious newspapers and magazines has 192 members with a 19.7 million total circulation.

A weekly, The Baptist Record was cited in the "news-paper format" category. It is published by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and edited by Joe T. Odle. Circulation stands at 104,000.

Scope, winner in the "magazine format," is published monthly by the American Lutheran Church Women. It is edited by Lily M. Gyldevand and has a circulation of 300,000.

Motive - which spells its name with a small "m"—is edited by B. J. Stiles and published by the Methodist Division of Higher Education, with circulation at 35,000. A monthly for students, it was recently adopted as the publication of the inter-religious University Christian Movement.

In 1966, motive received two or three awards presented by the ACP. (Continued on Page 2)

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April Church Library Emphasis
National Library Week, April 16-22

NASHVILLE—Explore Inner Space... Read is the theme for National Library Week—Church Library Emphasis April 16-22. The NLW program, a voluntary citizens' movement, is dedicated to encourage lifetime reading habits, increasing the use of libraries, and expanding the nation's library resources. It is sponsored by the National Book Committee, Inc., a non-profit educational group, in cooperation with the American Library Association. National Library Week—Church Library Emphasis is being promoted through the Sunday School Board's church library department, here, the 49 Baptist Book Stores, and Broadman Press. BSB Photo (For additional material on Library Week please turn to page 5.)

Baptist Record Gets ACP Merit Award

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Messenger, a bi-weekly with a 45,200 circulation, is edited by Kenneth I. Morse, who was re-elected treasurer of the ACP at its sessions. The ACP also gave "Honorable Mention" citations to five other publications.

This is the fifth national award the Baptist Record has received in the past five years.

In 1965 the paper received awards from both the Associated Church Press and the Evangelical Press Association for the editorial, "Smoke Over Mississippi".

In 1963 the publication received two Honorable Mention Merit Awards for "Treatment of News" and "Denominational Program", from the Associated Church Press.

NEW YORK (BP) — W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in Nashville, was elected here president of the Associated Church Press, a national organization of religious publications editors.

Fields is also editor of The Baptist Program, monthly magazine published by the Executive Committee, and director of the Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

His election as president of Associated Church Press came only one week before Fields was to preside over sessions of the Religious Public Relations Council's national convention in Philadelphia. Fields was elected president of that organization last year.

He is the first Southern Baptist to serve as president of either Associated Church Press or Religious Public Relations Council, and the first person ever to serve as president of both groups simultaneously.

Fields would not allow his name to be nominated for reelection as president of Religious Public Relations Council for a second term.

Other new officers of the Association are Kenneth L. Wilson, first vice president, and executive editor of The Christian Herald, New York; Ben R. Hartley, second vice president, and editor, The Presbyterian Survey, Atlanta; and Kenneth I. Morse, treasurer, and editor, The Messenger, in Elgin, Ill.

Twelve publications were admitted to membership in the Associated Church Press, bringing the number of member publications to 181.

Senator Seeks To Clear School Prayer Decisions

WASHINGTON (BP) — A proposed U. S. Senate resolution states that a time for "prayerful meditation" in public schools is not ruled out by the Supreme Court decisions on Bible reading and prayer.

Introduced by Sen. Vance Hartke (D., Ind.) the resolution would "express the sense of the Senate with respect to religious practices" in public schools.

Such resolutions are proposed in an effort to get some expression from Congress on the meaning of the Supreme Court decisions without resorting to the drastic step of constitutional "prayer amendments."

The resolution expresses the opinion that time for prayerful meditation is not ruled out of public schools provided: (1) that no public official prescribes or recites the prayer which is offered, and (2) that the individual participating would be permitted to pray as he chooses in accordance with the free exercise of religion.

Hartke introduced similar resolutions in the 88th and 90th Congresses. Others have done likewise. No action, however, has been taken on these proposals.

Many Senators and Congressmen object to attempts to interpret court decisions by resolutions from the legislative branch of government.

The resolution was referred to the Senate Judiciary committee.

with a total circulation of nearly 20 million. One Southern Baptist state paper was admitted as a new member. The Illinois Baptist, Robert J. Hastings, editor, of Carbondale, Ill.

Major speakers for the meeting were John Bennett, President of Union Theological Seminary, New York; Francis Carpenter, press officer for the United States Mission to the United Nations; and Philip Scharper, editor-in-chief for a New York publishing firm and scriptwriter for "The Vine," recent television special on the life of Christ produced by Southern Baptists' Radio-Television Commission and the National Broadcasting Co.

About 150 editors of religious publications attended sessions of Associated Church Press here at the Park Sheraton Hotel.

Southern Baptists attending included Gomer R. Lesch and Lynn M. Davis, both of the Baptist Sunday School Board's public relations office, Nashville; Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record in Jackson, Miss.; Toby Druin, associate editor of the Biblical Recorder in Raleigh, N. C.; Leonard Hill, managing editor of The Baptist Program, Nashville; and Fields.

Fields has been public relations secretary for Southern Baptists since 1959, serving previously as editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record and pastor of churches in Mississippi. He is a graduate of Louisiana College (Baptist), Pineville, La., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he earned the doctor of theology degree.

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stamps depicting religious subjects.

Disregarding the fact that the Supreme Court has said that ceremonial references to God and religion do not violate the First Amendment, one resolution wants such a provision written into the Constitution.

This amendment would provide that "reference to belief in or reliance upon God or a divine being may be made in any governmental or public document, proceeding, ceremony, or institution, or upon any coinage, currency, or obligation of the United States."

Yet another bill would "provide time off duty for government employees to comply with religious obligations prescribed by religious denominations of which such employees are bona fide members." Such time off would have to be made up "under appropriate regulations of the authority concerned."

Christian Family -

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causes are areas of concern. Among these are education for marriage, adjustments in marriage, and the problems of mixed marriages.

"In the Christian family, we are concerned with the frustrations of family finance, the fulfillment of the family goals in the bringing of children to maturity in education, marriage or employment—or all three. We care, too, about the challenge of leisure and the adjustments of golden years of age or the sometimes more somber days of sickness and other crisis experiences."

"The Christian Action Commission hopes to encourage our people to give more emphasis to the unity of the family and consideration of how to build better family relationships according to Bible principles."

Strasbourg, in northern France, is sometimes referred to as the "City of Bells."

Tokyo was the first city officially to pass the 10 million mark in 1962. In 1964, an official record estimate put the population of Shanghai at 16,700,000.

Warren, Michigan, jumped from 727 people in 1890 to 80,246 a decade later — an increase of 10,919 per cent.



DR. BROOKS HAYNES, chairman of the Department of Music at Blue Mountain College and Director of the forty-three voice chorus, has announced the 1967 Spring Tour itinerary as follows: April 16, morning service, First Baptist Church, Pontotoc; April 16, evening, First Louisville; April 17, evening, Highland Laurel; April 18, evening, First McComb; April 19, evening, First Columbia; April 23, morning, First Holly Springs; April 23, evening, Speedway Terrace, Memphis; April 26, evening, First Booneville. Mr. G. Edward Ludlow is professor of organ at the college and accompanist for the chorus.

Florida Convention Launches New College

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plan or an estimate of financial needs for presentation to the convention, although plans have been approved for a state-wide \$1 million fund raising campaign for the school.

Debate also centered around inclusion of a doctrinal statement in the proposed articles of incorporation, inclusion of a clause which would prevent the school from accepting federal aid, and whether the phrase "junior college" should be included in the school's name.

As finally approved, the charter listed two "basic and over-riding principles" which will determine the character and objectives of the institution: (1) "the Bible is the inspired word of God and is a sufficient guide for salvation and the Christian life," and (2) "Jesus is the virgin-born son of God and the Lord and Savior of all who trust him."

Convention officials said it is the only Baptist college charter to their knowledge which includes a doctrinal statement on the virgin birth of Jesus.

Leading the debate to include doctrinal statements in the charter was Homer G. Lindsay, pastor of the host First Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

A Jacksonville educator,

Robert Spiro of Jacksonville University and a former dean of Mercer University (Baptist), Macon, Ga., argued however that the section on the doctrinal statements would not meet standards for accreditation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The new charter also provides that all trustees shall be Baptists elected by the Florida Baptist Convention, that the president and all deans shall be active Baptists, that all faculty and staff members "give evidence of a genuine Christian faith and professional competence and that strong preference be given to qualified Baptists as faculty and staff members."

Since the trustees do not yet hold title to the property on which the college is to be built, the section of the proposed charter containing the property description was deleted.

Three trustees of the college stated that, while the written commitment of the donor had actually expired more than a year ago, the deed to the property is being held "in readiness to be conveyed to the college as soon as it is officially chartered."

Malcolm Knight, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, said that the convention was ignoring the

criteria established earlier, and questioned if indeed the proposed donor of the property, John D. MacArthur is still interested in giving the site to the college. He questioned whether the whole procedure for the charter was in order.

Jess Moody, chairman of the school's board of trustees, said the deed is in the hands of a holding company controlled by MacArthur and assured the convention the property would be given the school once the charter is approved.

The convention meeting in November had voted 573-360 to activate the board of trustees and to rescind previously approved convention requirements of \$1½ million plus a site for the college. The criteria were approved by two conventions and sustained by the convention's State Missions Board.

Moody in November said that unless the criteria were rescinded, the college might lose the gift of the site.

During the same convention last November, a motion was approved which would cut off financial support from any institution of the convention, including Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., if the institution accepts a federal grant.

A clause was proposed for the charter of the new West Palm college which would forbid it from accepting federal aid, but the clause was defeated after the convention was reminded that the school would have to operate under the policies approved last November.

In an editorial in the convention's official publication following the convention, Florida Baptist Witness Editor W. G. Stracener said editorially that "we cannot overlook the fact that the charter was adopted by a vote of 242-197," or a ratio of 55-45 per cent.

"It was perfectly obvious that many Florida Baptists do still oppose starting the college, and many more oppose proceeding with it at this time until more specific plans are made and more definite resources are in sight," said the Florida Baptist Witness editorial.

SBC Cooperative -

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of March were the best for any March in the history of the SBC, and the first time that Cooperative Program contributions for any March in history exceeded the \$2 million plateau, the report disclosed.

March Cooperative Program gifts totaled \$2,114,368. Designated contributions for March were \$3,214,368, bringing the total world missions contributions for the month to \$5.3 million.

The 1967 Kirchentag or Church Day will be held in Hannover, Germany, from June 21 to 25. The program and information on registration, housing and other information may be obtained from: Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchentag, 64 Fulda, Magdeburger Strasse 18. The program includes Bible study and five work groups on world peace.

Village Offering Reset For May

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tees and administration and the Executive Committee of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board had mutually determined that the shift of emphasis to Christian Home Week and Mother's Day would be more appropriate to the spirit of the church's child care agency, and at the same time would prevent continued conflict of interest at the Thanksgiving-Christmas season between child care and the Lottie Moon Offering at Christmas for Foreign Missions.

Mr. Nunnery has stated that personal letters, explaining the change of offering seasons, are going out to every Baptist pastor in Mississippi, and that these letters will be followed in a few days by a packet of offering materials, including offering envelopes to the Sunday School Superintendent of every Baptist church in the state.

According to Mr. Nunnery, Village authorities feel that the Sunday School organization in every church can serve efficiently as the machinery for distribution of the materials in each church and as the means of publicizing the change of offering season and the offering itself.

It has been explained that additional materials are available for any church in Village offices and will be furnished promptly on request.

In joining Dr. Quarles in this announcement, Superintendent Nunnery commented, "Those of us who have the direct, personal responsibility

for this mission effort with children rejoice in the assignment of Mother's Day and Christian Home Week to the cause of boys and girls, for we feel the emphasis of Christian Home Week is so appropriate to the heart of the task which is ours.

"At the same time, we are filled with apprehension this year, because it will be so easy and so understandable for many of the friends of our children to forget them, both at Mother's Day and at Thanksgiving—at Mother's Day, because our appeal at this time of year is so new; at Thanksgiving, because we will not be appealing to churches for cash support at Thanksgiving any more.

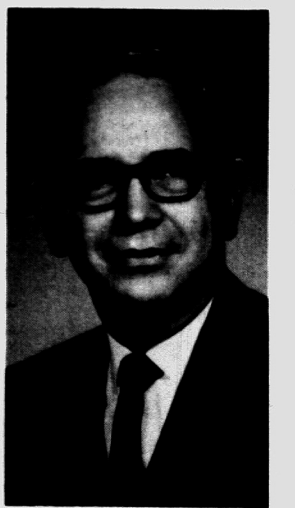
"Our prayer—in a very special way, this year—is that each of you will help us emphasize the new offering season. It comes at a time when our challenge is greater than ever; at a time when we have failed to meet our minimum budget, and thus operated at a loss for a number of years. With humility, we ask loyal friends of the Village, many of whom have been so generous with us in the past, to remind their friends and churches during Christian Home Week to remember our community of homes for children who need the help of the church so desperately."

10th Birthday For Oak Forest

Oak Forest Church of Jackson was constituted on the first Sunday in May, 1957. The church will celebrate its tenth anniversary in special services on May 7.

The Anniversary Committee, Hubert C. Allen, Chairman, would like to mail an invitation and detailed information about the anniversary celebration to all former members who will send their address to Oak Forest Baptist Church, 2875 Oak Forest Dr., Jackson, Mississippi 39212.

Rev. Tom Hudson is pastor.



Foy Valentine

VALENTINE TO SPEAK AT YAZOO CITY

First Church, Grand and Fourth, Yazoo City, will have as their special guest on Sunday, April 16, DR. FOY VALENTINE, Executive Secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Valentine will be speaking at both worship services that day, 10:55 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Concerning the guest speaker, Rev. James F. Yates, the Yazoo City pastor said, "As Director of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Valentine gives direction to a program designed to help Baptists to carry into every area of life the whole gospel of Christ. The Commission renders its ministry in the field of applied Christianity in the general area of: family life, general area of: family life, race relations, moral issues, daily work, and Christian citizenship. Dr. Valentine's primary responsibility with the Commission is to emphasize the practical nature of the Christian faith."

He added that the public is invited to hear this outstanding denominational leader.

Los Angeles is the most spread out city in the U. S. with a land area of over 490 square miles.

Our newest state capital is Honolulu, Hawaii, which also has more city-owned parks than any other — 3,000 of crease of 12,175.9 per cent!

Current Issues In Baptist Life



By Wayne E. Ward
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How Should People Be Received Into Our Churches?

All of the discussion among Baptists about receiving non-Baptist immersion, or about receiving very young children, or about postponing baptism, or about receiving people of other races is complicated by the fact that many churches try to make this de-

cision in a split-second situation at the front of the church at five minutes past noon!

The only way to deal adequately with the serious question of a disciplined church membership is to provide time for a membership committee, pastor, or church staff member to talk to the prospective member. This means clearly and bluntly that a church cannot obtain adequate information in the hurried, public situation of the church altar at the close of a regular service. It is good to greet people who come in response to the invitation—and it should be done immediately. It is right to make them feel welcome to the fellowship and to give them a sense of Christian love and acceptance from the very first moment. But the question of their religious background, their experience of Christ, and their fitness for the responsibilities of membership can only be dealt with by careful personal work in their home or in private conference. Only after such careful investigation should the names be brought before the church in formal business meeting for acceptance into the membership.

Sometimes the argument is heard that churches have no right to "pass judgment" on the experience of the person who comes in response to the invitation. It is even said that people are discouraged from coming forward if they are not received immediately into membership. They may feel their motives are being examined or that someone may not find them "good enough" for church membership.

Such remarks miss the whole point. The church is not trying to pass judgment on what goes on in the innermost heart—between a man and God! It is simply trying to discover what the person is actually saying. It is trying to give him an opportunity to share his real experience of God! Most of the mistakes are made because in the hurry and tenseness "at the front of the church" people do not know what they are being asked and the congregation acts on they know not what!

The problem of an undisciplined and unregenerated church membership—one of our deepest problems as Baptists—cannot be dealt with by the "back door" of exclusion from the membership. It must be dealt with at the "front door" of acceptance. Only by some careful and loving guidance at this point can people be shown the meaning and responsibility of church membership. Only by complete information, carefully obtained, can the congregation make a proper decision about receiving people into their fellowship.

If church membership is going to mean anything at all, surely it is worth giving this much time and attention to it!

Grading System At MC Set For Gradual Change

Two significant changes will be made in the grading system at Mississippi College within the next two years, according to Dr. Howard E. Spell, academic dean of the college.

The first change is scheduled to begin with the fall semester of 1967 when the college will convert its grading system to a 4.0 standard. The other change, altering the requirements for honor graduates, will go into effect with the 1969 graduating class.

Under the 4.0 system, a student will receive four quality points per semester hour for a grade of "A", three quality points for a "B", two for a "C", and one for a "D".

Mississippi College's present system gives no quality points for a grade of "D", while "A's" through "C's" receive three through one quality points respectively.

According to Dr. Spell, the new grading scale is being adopted to help bring the college in line with the present trend of most colleges and universities toward using the 4 point system.

"The new grading program will in no way lower requirements for graduation," Dr. Spell emphasized. "A student must still maintain a 'C' average in order to graduate from the college."

The new method of naming honor graduates will begin with the graduating class of 1969. In order for a student to be graduated with "special distinction" he or she will have to maintain a minimum quality point average of 3.75 out of the possible 4.0.

A student graduating with "distinction" will be required to have at least a 3.5 quality point average.

Present standard grant a student graduating with a 2.0 average on the 3.0 system the recognition of "distinction", while one finishing with a 2.5 or better ratio is accorded the "special distinction" recognition.

SBC Registration Cards Ready In Convention Office

Registration cards for those planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach May 30-June 2 are available upon request in the office of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Dr. W. Fred Kendall, SBC registration secretary, has urged every messenger to carry a card signed by the church moderator or clerk to certify him as a duly-elected messenger.

Cards can be secured by writing to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Probably the earliest association of any size or permanence organized to distribute Bibles was the Canstein Bible Institute, formed in Germany about 1710. The Institute printed Luther's Bible and by 1722 also issued Scriptures in Bohemian and Polish.

Montreal, the capital of the Canadian province of Quebec, is often called the "City of Saints," because so many of the streets there are named after saints.



Interested In Being A Licensed Practical Nurse?

By Vivian Reed

If you should become one, you'd be one of some 151,000 women, average age of 35, called either licensed practical nurses or licensed vocational nurses. Almost 90 percent of them work in hospitals; the rest, in private homes, public health agencies, doctors' offices, nursing homes, and industry.

It is important to note that word "licensed". Most hospitals will not hire a woman as a practical nurse unless she has a license, and Mississippi no longer grants practical nurse licenses except by the passing of a State Board examination for practical

nursing. To qualify to take this examination, one must have special schooling for one year or more.

The difference between a licensed practical nurse and a professional registered nurse is primarily the amount of training and depth of education each receives and, thus, in the tasks each is allowed to perform.

At one time, practical nurses assisted only in the care of patients not acutely ill: mothers and new babies, the aging and infirm, and people with chronic handicaps. Now, however, practical nurses are trained, for at least a year, to assist in gen-

eral nursing care. In hospitals, they usually work under the supervision of both a registered nurse and a doctor; in homes, under only a doctor. Their duties are varied and many, doing an integral part of nursing.

The demand for practical nurses is greater today than at any time, perhaps, in history. Mississippi Baptist Hospital, in establishing a private school for the training of practical nurses, is helping to meet this demand. Out of the 145 graduates of the program at Baptist Hospital, 118 were employed after graduation by the hospital; and at the present time, Baptist Hospital graduates are working in Hawaii, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, North Dakota, California, Florida, and in many counties of Mississippi.

The training program, accredited by the State Department of Vocational Education, covering 52 weeks, provides effective experience that will result in development of the skills and relative knowledge required to perform safely and intelligently the duties of a practical

higher education, religious scope, the Christian college teacher, and accreditation of Baptist educational institutions.

The section on accreditation is a new section not included in the first national BEST conference here last year, but discussed in all of the regional seminars this year.

The eight or more sectional meetings will deliver full reports to the entire conference summarizing their viewpoints and the results of their study. Each report will include a list of the problems and issues in the area of study, the causes of the problems, the requirements which solutions should meet, and proposed principles, guidelines and solutions to the problems. A period of 30 minutes will be allowed for general discussion of each report.

The report of the section of financing Christian higher education, and the closing address by Trentham, will conclude the conference on the morning of June 15.

An 18-member Findings Committee will be charged with preparing a 100-page written summary of the results of the conference and the entire two-year study, with an expected completion date of Sept. 15, 1967, for their report.

Some of the most interesting examples of ancient cities that were carefully laid out can be seen in the remains of the Mayan Cities of Central America and the Hittite cities of Asia Minor. While parts of Athens and Rome, for example, were given a good deal of thought, the residential areas of these two cities were allowed to develop as they would.

Eight Areas
The eight areas are: financing Christian higher education; academic freedom, college-denominational relationships; preface to a philosophy of Christian higher education; academic scope of Baptist

PRACTICAL NURSES work in many different areas of Baptist Hospital, Jackson. Top left photo shows a practical nursing class in session, Mrs. Eugenia Hutchins, instructor. Top right, Miss Barbara Norris takes the blood pressure of a patient. Bottom left, Mrs. Algarine Davis delivers oxygen. Bottom center, Mrs. Alice Laird gets ready to play a game of checkers with a patient in the psychiatric ward. Bottom right, Mrs. Velma Holder, in the nursery, holds her own new granddaughter, Debra Ann Holder.

nurse. The first term is 13 weeks and is spent in classroom study of anatomy and physiology, vocational relationships, nutrition, diseases, etc. The remaining three terms of 13 weeks each are 40 hours per week with instruction and clinical experience or practice in Obstetrics, Nursing, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Recovery Room, Intensive Care Unit, and general Medical - Surgical Units. During this clinical phase of training, the student practical nurse is taught an Advanced Course in Medications for which she is awarded a Medication Certificate. After licensure by examination and with this certificate, she would be allowed to give medications in most hospitals of the nation.

A note of caution: At the present time, there are no state-approved correspondence courses for practical nursing. No home-study course will make one eligible for a license to practice nursing. Nor is this training program able to give "credit" to applicants who have had other courses or parts of courses. In order to keep a uniform program the school offers only a one full year course.

The salaries of practical nurses, governed by the need and the economic demands of the times, have risen dramatically the past ten years. In 1956 a Licensed Practical Nurse started employment at a salary of \$160 per month, whereas today, she would begin at \$290 to \$320 per month, with approximately the same fringe benefits she had in 1956. In a survey done of Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Practical Nursing graduate LPN's in 1966, it was found that salaries of those who answered ranged from \$230 to \$325 per month, an average of \$258, whereas the average salary, in the survey of 1964 was \$235.

On private duty, practical nurses at present make \$15.00 for an eight-hour day. When working in the home, they arrange to be on duty 8 hours, 12 hours, or around the clock. In private homes they may find themselves called upon to do work they would not do in hospitals since their duties are defined for home nursing as "doing whatever is necessary for the patient's comfort and admission at the Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Practical Nursing, a person (male or female) must be a citizen of the United States, between the ages of 18 and 55 years; have a twelfth grade education or its equivalent as determined by the General Educational Development Test; satisfactorily complete the health requirements (examination and immunizations); and be recommended by the Admissions Committee of the school.

The cost of the training is negligible since there is no charge for tuition. The hospital supplies books, uniforms, one meal per day five days per week, and a scholarship. The student supplies her own room, board, and transportation.

Application is made in person to a member of the Admissions Committee. There are two classes each year, and the next class will open on August 14, 1967.

BWA To Give Peace Statement

WASHINGTON, D. C. — BWA — William R. Tolbert Jr., president of the Baptist World Alliance, has been nominated by Liberia's True Wing Party for reelection as vice president of the Republic of Liberia.

The African clergyman thus explained by cable his inability to attend a meeting of the B.W.A. administrative committee in Washington, March 1-2. He and incumbent Liberian President William V. S. Tubman jointly received the party nomination and face election on May 2.

General Secretary Josef Nordenhaug of the B.W.A. read Dr. Tolbert's cable at the beginning of a two day meeting that discussed a range of subjects from regional meetings to world peace.

Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, a vice president of B.W.A., presided in Dr. Tolbert's absence.

Dr. Nordenhaug reported correspondence from many parts of the world demonstrating a universal Baptist concern for world peace. Some cited the war in Vietnam and other specific points of international tension. A subcommittee was authorized to bring a resolution "expressing our concern for world peace and urging prayers for peace" when the B.W.A. Executive Committee holds its annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn., U.S.A., July 31 - August 4, 1967.

Gunnar Hoglund of Chicago, chairman of the B.W.A. Youth Committee, reported that plans are moving rapidly for the 7th Baptist Youth World Conference at Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968. Mail indicates that housing facilities in the Swiss capital will be filled to capacity, with 5,000 or more youth from 60 countries in attendance.

The committeemen looked also to plans for a Baptist World Congress at Tokyo, Japan in July 1970, and instructed Association Secretary Robert S. Denny to fly to the Orient to make final negotiations for a meeting hall.

Asia was spotlighted further by the reading of a cable report from Shuichi Matsumura of Tokyo, a vice president of B.W.A., that Asian Baptist leaders plan to meet in Hong Kong April 8 to discuss formation of an Asian Baptist Fellowship. Such an association would likely be modeled after the European Baptist Federation and the North American Baptist Fellowship, operating under the umbrella of the world alliance.

Formation of the Asian fellowship could lead to establishment of an Asian office of the Baptist World Alliance, similar to the regional office for Europe located at London. Dr. Nordenhaug said that the placement of a regional office at Hong Kong or elsewhere in the Orient would depend largely on the initiative of Asian Baptists and their support.

Indonesian Hospital Has 10th Anniversary

By Doris Blattner
KEDIRI, Indonesia — The 10th anniversary of Kediri Baptist Hospital was observed on February 28 with a special service for the medical staff and other workers. Ten employees associated with the hospital since its opening were given certificates of appreciation.

The leadership of the Holy Spirit was recognized as the history of the hospital was reviewed and opportunities for spreading the gospel through the healing ministry were presented.

More than 20,000 patients come for treatment each year, and hundreds have accepted Christ as Saviour because of their contact with the hospital. During the past year, nine preaching stations were started in villages around Kediri with the help of persons who became Christians after first hearing the gospel while seeking medical care.



PIERRE CANESE (left), chairman of deacons at English-language First Baptist Church, Orleans, France, gives keys to the church building to Rev. Jean-Pierre Bueche, pastor of local French church, while Southern Baptist Missionary Jack D. Hancox looks on. First Church, closed as a result of the withdrawal of NATO forces from France, donated its property to the French congregation, continuing to the end the cooperation with French Baptists which it practiced throughout its 16-year history. Before President Charles de Gaulle requested that NATO leave France, there were eight English-language Baptist churches and missions in the country; with the closing of the Orleans church, only one remains, Emmanuel Church in Paris (which has launched a bilingual ministry).

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

You Must Have Credentials!

Are you going to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach? If so, you must have an official messenger's card, signifying that you have been elected messenger by your church.

The Executive Committee has instructed the secretary of the convention to enforce the constitutional regulations concerning convention messengers. While there will be a "registration committee", and you may be allowed to register if you can prove to them that you are an officially elected messenger to the convention, the whole matter will be much simpler, and save you much time and effort, if you take a signed messenger registration card with you.

Dr. Fred Kendall, secretary of the convention, writes "We are making every effort to get every messenger to bring a messenger's card to the convention. Last year we were amazed that, with all the publicity we had, nearly half of the messengers brought absolutely no identification, no kind of credentials to verify that they were elected by their churches. This made a condition of utter confusion. The girls at the desks have no way of knowing who these people are and whether or not they are bona fide Southern Baptists... so last year, we had a lot of unhappiness and a lot of chaos."

This letter makes very clear the problem faced by the convention registration committee when thousands of Baptists appear for the convention, without credentials and must go through the slow process of proving identification.

All of this can be avoided if you do three things:

1. Write to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., today, requesting the number of messenger registration cards you need for your church. You will need one for each elected messenger who is going.
2. Have your messengers officially elected by the church and the cards properly filled out and signed.
3. Let each messenger take his card to Miami Beach for use when registering.

These are simple things to do, but they will assure that every messenger will be registered at the convention, and will be allowed to participate in the deliberations and decisions there.

The Travel Trailer Fund

Gifts are coming in for the Montana Mission Travel Trailer Fund which was announced in a recent issue of the Baptist Record.

An effort is being made by the Baptist Record to raise \$3,000 for the purchase of a new Travel Trailer for the use of Area Missionary Leroy Smith of Montana.

Smith is missionary for the entire state of Montana, an area almost three and one-half times the size of Mississippi. Mission work in such a vast territory keeps the mission worker on the road so much that a trailer is essential if travel expenses are to be kept from being exorbitant.

It is our conviction that there are several hundred Baptists in Mississippi who can invest \$1.00 or more in this fund, without in any way effecting their regular program of giving through their churches.

This special gift will go to a cause which will bring one of the largest possible returns for so small an investment. The missionary will be able to hold revivals, lead enlargement campaigns, work in communities with a view to starting new mission work, counsel with pastors and other church leaders, and do many other things, which it would be difficult to do as well, if such equipment were not available.

We sincerely hope that you as an interested Baptist will make your gift today, so that this trailer may be purchased within the next few weeks, and thus be put to use this very summer. Send the gift to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, and mark it for the Trailer Fund. Your church will be given credit for your gift.

Gifts of any size will be welcomed. If you can send only \$1.00 send that. If you can send more, that is needed.

GUEST EDITORIAL

What A Shame!

C. R. Daley in Western Recorder (Ky.)

One of the best arguments for Baptist colleges with strict control and high moral requirements for students is found in a current news release concerning new policies at Vanderbilt University. The news story tells of new regulations allowing liquor to be drunk in boys' dormitories and girls to visit lounges

in boys' dormitories two nights a week.

Such a step at Vandy, which was started as a Methodist college, must make the founding fathers of this school turn over in their graves. It is shocking and almost unbelievable.

There was a time when such schools were famous for "reading, riting and 'rithmetic, taught to the tune of a hickory stick." Now the famous three R's are supplemented with, if not replaced by, wine, women and song. The old approach, while not perfect, did produce graduates with some moral fiber. What the new approach will do is a fearful thought.

The "new immorality" for private colleges started several years ago in some of the Ivy League schools of the East. It apparently is now filtering down into prestige schools in other sections of the country.

This is an example of what happens when colleges started by church groups become independent and are no longer controlled by the same convictions with which they were begun. It would be unthinkable that many Methodists who once were known for their strong opposition to liquor would support a school with such moral laxity.

There are some who quickly defend such policies, pointing out that some college students have always drunk and had loose morals. Of course, this is true, but these were a small minority and they had to leave the campus for their liquor and sex. They were strongly disapproved by the majority who had high moral codes. To relax the rules is to sanction behavior which is clearly contrary to the Word of God and degrading to respectable society. Such a step by Vandy will put pressure on other schools. Some students at Baptist schools will be clamoring for the same privileges. The day a Baptist college adopts such a policy is the moment when all Baptist support and connection should cease.

Fortunately, our Baptist schools are not about to be so foolish. Some misbehaving students will inevitably gain admission to Baptist colleges, but they should last only as long as it takes to send them home.

There must always be colleges where high moral standards are maintained. What a sad day it would be if parents should have no choice but to send their sons and daughters to colleges which sponsor the very evils which they have tried to teach their children for 18 years to avoid.

Happiness grows best on the field of toil.

To do more for the world than the world does for you, that is success.

How well it is to remember that a smile is to conversation what a melody is to a song.

When men speak badly of you, so live that no one will believe them.

Newest In Books

PREACHING THROUGH THE BIBLE Volume II by Eric Hayden (Zondervan, 319 pp., \$5.95).

A series of sermons which carry the reader through the entire Bible. The author preaches a sermon from one chapter in each book of the Bible. However in introducing each message he also gives a summary statement concerning the entire book, and an outline of the book. This is followed by a sermon outline and message on what the author calls a famous chapter in the book. For example, he uses the second chapter of Genesis, the twelfth chapter of Acts, the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, etc. The chapter titles are well chosen and are intriguing. For example, the chapter on creation (Genesis 2) is "What We Are and Why," that on the fifth chapter of Esther is "Nothing Venture, Nothing Win," Nahum two is on "Wars and Rumors of Wars," and the eleventh chapter of Hebrews is "The Westminster Abby of the Bible." Some modern preachers who have abandoned Bible preaching for little sermonettes need to go back to books like these to find the challenge of simply telling what the Bible has to say.

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPLETE MANUAL OF HOME REPAIR by Bernard Gladstone (Macmillan, 438 pp., \$7.95).

The day has come when home owners must learn to do the odd jobs around the house. The old-fashioned handy-man no longer exist, and present prices of \$7.00 or \$8.00 or more per hour for a house call by trained workmen, plus the difficulty, one sometimes faces of getting them at any price for a small job, makes it necessary that people know how to do many of the small jobs around the house themselves. Of course, some jobs demand trained skill personnel, but many others can be done by the amateur. This book written by the home improvement editor of the New York Times provides practical, concise, "how to do it" information, on many jobs around the home. It is divided into general sections headed, Tools and Materials, Interior Repairs, Exterior Repairs, Painting and Papering, Plumbing and Heating, Electrical Repairs, and Furniture Repairs and Refinishing. Detailed explanation of just what to do about many jobs, plus more than three hundred photographs, make this a manual which will be referred to often. Do you know how to fix a leaking faucet, refinish battered furniture, put wallpaper on a room, or apply gold leaf to a picture frame? Do you know how to tighten a hinge, keep a drawer from sticking, remove stains, or do any one of many other jobs which continually crop up around the home? This book will not make you an expert but it will solve a multitude of problems and save many dollars on minor repairs.

DEFEAT OF THE BIRD GOD by C. Peter Wagner (Zondervan, 256 pp., \$4.95). The thrilling story of the pioneer missionary, Bill Pencille, who risked his life to reach the murderous Bolivian Ayore Indians for Christ. Dramatically illustrated with unretouched photos of native life. Written by the Assistant Director of the Andes Evangelical Mission.

SURPRISES IN THE BIBLE by Clovis G. Chappell (Abingdon, 126 pp., \$2.50). The former pastor of Jackson, Mississippi's Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, preaches twelve sermons about amazing people and unexpected events in the Bible. One finds such sermons as Life Begins at Eighty, a Message on the call of Moses; An Amazing Tragedy, A Sermon on Judas; The Supreme Surprise, a sermon on the Resurrection; An Incredible Escape, a message on Paul's shipwreck, and others. Dr. Chappell always has been renowned for his clear outlining, apt illustrations and direct personal application in his messages. This new volume matches the excellence of his other books.

DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE by John L. McKenzie (Bruce Publishing Co., 400 North Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201, 954 pp., paperback edition, \$5.95).

Complete and unabridged edition from the original cloth binding. This comprehensive dictionary by a Catholic priest includes more than 800,000 words covering nearly 2,000 articles, as well as more than 200 carefully selected pictures.

RECENT HOMILETICAL THOUGHT edited by William Toohy and William D. Thompson (Abingdon Press, 303 pp., \$4.75).

This new book is a bibliography of books and articles, theses and dissertations, written in English on the subject of preaching (and related topics) from 1935 to 1965. Both Catholic and Protestant works are included in the list.

EDUCATION

What's Happening

Education Commission, SBC

One reason college is a rough experience says Harvard psychologist Gordon W. Allport, is that the middle and late years of adolescence, for most youngsters, are a time of "identity crisis" — a time when the young person is worried about what kind of person he is going to turn out to be and whether he will ever be able to live up to his own or other people's expectations. Unsure that they will be successful, and suddenly on their own, many students show signs of either numbness or apathy.

Allport says the peak of the crisis comes in the sophomore year. Suddenly the student wants to break away from the habit of living his life for the sake of the folks back home.

The most common causes of the crisis stem from conflict with parents and this effort to break away from them. Sometimes young people seem to need their parents as scapegoats, because it is easier to blame parents for their own shortcomings than to face up to them. Often, when this is done, the young person has no real cause for complaint.

How long before young people are able to encounter their parents on a mature, adult-to-adult basis? Allport says, usually not until 23 years of age.

11,000,000 Americans of age eighteen and older cannot read or write.

The U. S. Office of Education estimates that of the 30,000,000 boys and girls who will be seeking jobs in this decade, 2,000,000 will not have seen the inside of a high school, and 7,000,000 — nearly one-fourth — will not finish high school.

Harvard College's Dean John W. Monro, 54, has resigned, effective this summer, to become director of freshman studies at Alabama's all-Negro Miles College (1,000 students). He has helped advise Miles on its problems since 1963. "By the act of involvement, each individual begins the lifelong process of paying his own dues, being a member in good standing of the society that sustains him," he says.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

- April 17—W. C. Blanton, Warren County supt. of missions; L. D. Wall, supt. of missions, Grenada - Yalobusha Counties.
- April 18—Norman H. Gough, director of public information, Mississippi College; Larry Grantham, director of Student activities, Mississippi College.
- April 19 — Wilma J. Harris, Baptist Book Store; Bea Fortenberry, Baptist Book Store.
- April 20 — Everett Reaves, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Everett Reaves, staff Children's Village.
- April 21—Mrs. J. P. Hughes, Baptist Building; Mrs. C. W. Clayburn, Baptist Building.
- April 22 — John W. Tadlock, Baptist student director, Copiah-Lincoln Junior College; Victor Vaughn, faculty, Clarke College.
- April 23—Mrs. W. H. Brown, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Jo Loper, faculty, Wm. Carey College.

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By Dr. Charles Myers, Pastor
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A Matter Of Attractive Sin

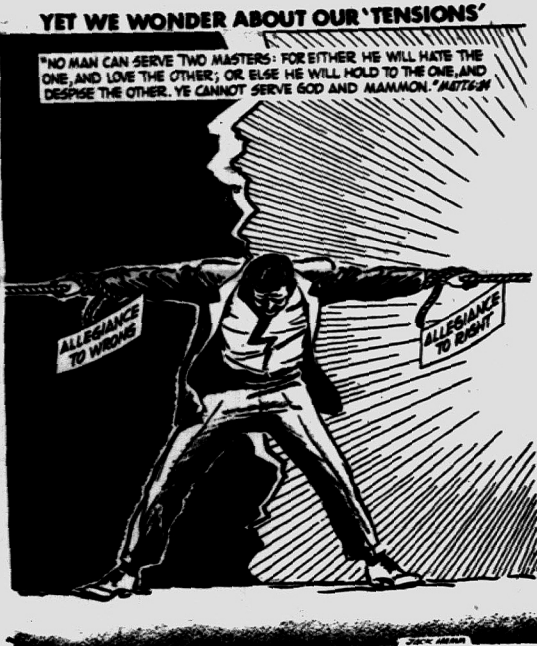
Most of us have a peculiar feeling about snakes and about the only place we want to see them is in a zoo. And to be honest we are not just crazy about seeing them there. Even the non-poisonous ones hold no special appeal for us and when you talk about poisonous ones like these rattlesnakes, the farther we can get from them the better we like it. Perhaps we have a fear of snakes in general and of poisonous ones in particular. Though there are smaller snakes who are even more poisonous than the rattlesnake, those of us in the southwest fear the rattler the most.

We know his bite can be fatal. Even if it is not fatal, it will be extremely painful and can cause a multitude of complications. We are not anxious to meet this snake anywhere and we sure do not want to meet him in the dark. We have learned to avoid his places of living and to move with caution when we have to be there.

In many ways sin is like this snake. Sin is an insidious creature that moves around quietly and if one is not careful he can be fatally incited before he knows it. Sin is no respecter of persons and will attack any man that gets in its territory. Sin is not to be toyed with but must be respected because of what it can do. If one can lose his prejudices for a moment he can find a certain graceful beauty in the snake. And certainly there is an attractiveness to sin.

Just as certain as a man is a fool to carelessly play with a rattlesnake, he is a fool to play with sin. The Bible says "the wages of sin is death." This scale has not been changed and every person who takes sin to his breast will be paid in full. He may think he can escape and for a while he may enjoy the beauty and thrill of it. But there is no escape. It is the unchangeable law of God. Sin always without exception brings death.

You say, "What kind of death, I am still living and I sin." This death referred to here is spiritual. It means a separation from God. The per-



Requirements Change Announced For Church Study Course Credit

NASHVILLE (BP) — New requirements for credit in the Southern Baptist Church Study Course have been adopted by the Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

These agencies, representing the church program organizations — Sunday School, Training Union, Music Ministry, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union—have released the following requirements which concern the four plans of study:

*Individual home study—This plan requires a person to read the book and answer the questions given therein.

*Class method—the participant who lives in sin is "dead in his trespasses." And if physical death overtakes him in that state he will forever be separated from God. This is the end of sin.

But there is an antidote for the poison of sin. Just because one becomes a sinner does not mean he is hopelessly lost. God sent his only Son into the world to take the penalty of that sin. The full price was paid at Calvary. And any person who will accept Jesus Christ as Savior can have the penalty of his sin taken away and in place of the death of sin have life in Christ. But unless he comes by faith to this experience he will himself bear the full penalty of sin.

pant must read the book and attend the class for a total of six hours. Formerly, the total was 7-12 hours.

*Laboratory method—Studies in certain areas, such as music content, evangelism and visitation, require four hours of classwork followed by four hours of specific assignments, in addition to reading the book.

*Lesson Course study plan—Credit may be earned by participating in specially designated units in the Adult and/or Young People's Training Unit lesson course, by reading an approved book in the church study course outside the union, and by fulfilling make-up requirements as designated for union sessions missed.

The church study course is a program of church member and church leader training related to all five church organizations. The course contains approximately 200 books.

The most recent church program organization to join the church study course was the Brotherhood, which was assigned Category 21 in 1966. Woman's Missionary Union became a part of the course in 1965 and was assigned Category 20.

During the 1965-66 church year, a total of 666,397 book awards were earned by Southern Baptists who participated in study projects related to the church study course.



LET'S ALL STAND AND SING TOGETHER HYMN ONE DOLLAR EIGHTY-FIVE !!

What Books Have Meant In My Life

By Agnes G. Ford

BOOKS can change lives. They have changed mine many times. They have opened for me gates into new worlds. When things have gone wrong at home, in school, at work; when I have felt neglected, mistreated, forgotten, the comfort of books has made me no longer lonely and unhappy.

IN BOOKS, I have found an unfailing source of pleasure and keen enjoyment. I have, in fancy, explored new lands and lived in faraway places. From the monotonous and humdrum I have escaped into worlds of adventure and romance.

WHAT would my life have meant to me and to others had I never been able to read?

THOUGHTS such as these make me appreciate books all the more. Without books, my life would have been drab and colorless. My enjoyment of books has not been a temporary infatuation but a valued and permanent storehouse of rich treasure.

By Mary Ruth Brew

When I was a child, we had no television. Can you imagine a situation like that? Therefore, there was time for relaxing with a book. I looked forward to the time when the chores were done—or on Sunday afternoon—when I could take a quiet out under the big tree in the yard and lose myself in a good book. On rainy days I would curl up in the middle of a big feather bed and read to my heart's content.

My father was—and is—a great reader. We did not have many books, and you can imagine how happy we were when my oldest sister enrolled in Blue Mountain College and had an entire library at her disposal. How many books she must have lugged home (about a mile and a half) for us to read! First, Daddy would read (to see if they were "fit" for us to read). Then she would read them and pass them down the line. By the time this sister had finished college, our "consolidated" school also had a library. If I missed reading a single book on those shelves, it was an oversight.

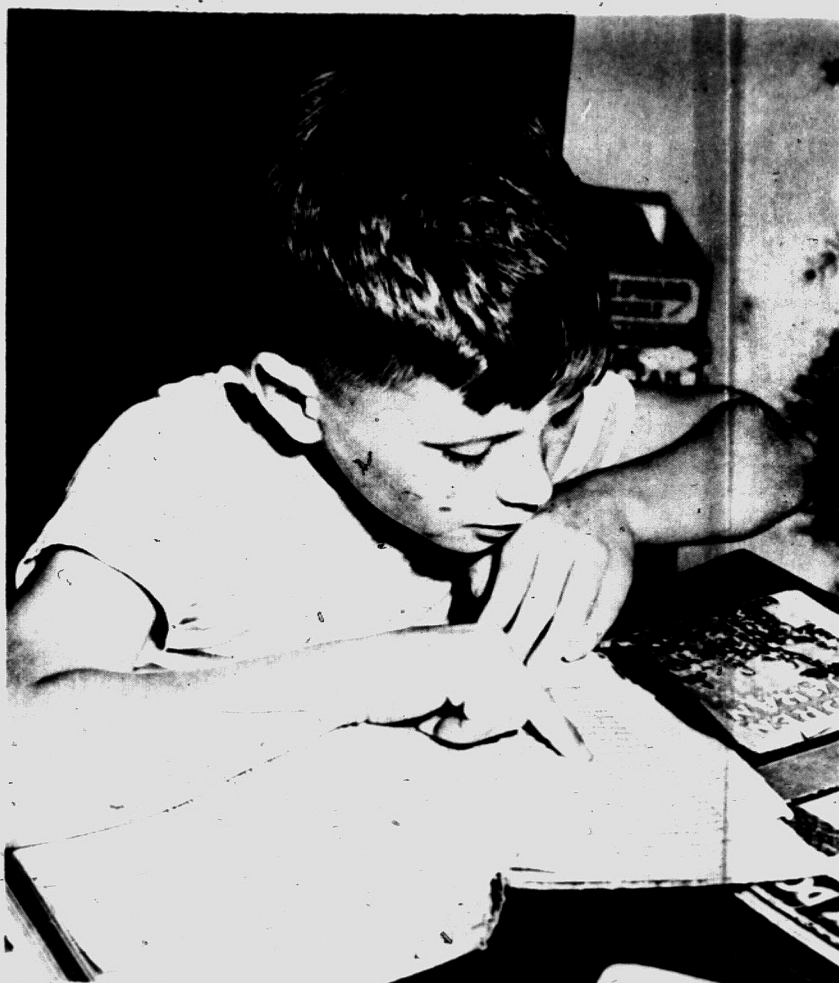
Since I have worked at the Sunday School Board, the Nashville Public Library, Watkins Library, Dargan-Carver Library, and my church library have enriched my reading program. We have a television set now, but this has not replaced my deep and unsatisfied love for books.

By Shirley Durham

Ever since I can remember, books have held a fascination for me that nothing else has been able to match.

Classics give the beauty of their timeless tales to provoke my imagination and whet my curiosity. Poetry offers rhythm and flowing language that express so eloquently the thoughts contained therein. Histories, geographies, and encyclopedias all give facts stored for use when necessity calls them forth. Biographies and autobiographies introduce me to people, places and ways of life, foreign to mine maybe, but interesting and many times startling in the way they resemble problems that have to be faced in this day and time.

For several years now my mind has turned to some works that have enriched my life and given impetus to my study of the Bible. The great sermons preached by D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, M. R. DeHaan and others, through books, can yet impart their truths to me.



THERE IS NO FRIGATE LIKE A BOOK to take us lands away, nor any courses like a page of prancing poetry—This travel may the poorest take without offense of toll—How frugal is the chariot that bears the human soul.—Emily Dickinson. (RNS Photo)

BE NONCONFORMIST, AND READ A BOOK!

Each year you've told yourself, "I will read more." But if you're like most Americans somewhere between January and December you stop putting your money where your mouth is.

The Department of Commerce reports that total receipts from books in the U.S. rose 12.8 percent to \$2.2 billion last year. However, this figure compares badly with the amounts of money Americans spend annually on liquor (nearly six times more) or on gas and oil for their automobiles (approximately seven times as much) or even on toilet articles which total twice the amount of money spent on books.

When you subtract those institutional book buyers, schools and libraries, the comparison is far worse.

Sociologists and English departments of colleges and uni-

versities are keeping tabs on the reading preferences of youth. Columbia University, for example, can compare the reading tastes of the class of '70 with earlier surveys of the class of '62.

While it's difficult to accumulate figures from publishers on the number of Bibles and Scripture portions bought and read, the American Bible Society says it distributed between 72 and 76 million copies worldwide and 38,961,620 in the states. The world total from the United Bible Societies, including ABS was nearly 130 million copies.

Commercial publishers have turned to record albums to increase sales. Frank Edwards, author of Flying Saucers—Serious Business, has made a recording, based on his book, for RCA Victor. Jeanne Dix-

on has used material from her book, A Gift of Prophecy, for a Bell 45 rpm disc.

Publishers of religious books might look to the supermarket for a fruitful association. In English, Pan Books has made of this association more than just a common marketplace. The publisher has worked out a scheme by which the purchaser of a certain product may send away labels and get a free paperback, chosen from a list of 12. A survey indicates that only 37 percent of those who took advantage had bought a paperback in the past three months.

This spring, we, the people of One Book, beseech you: stop and look or "listen" to a book!

Half the strain on society would perish if the books that are truly worth reading were read!

By R. Earl Allen, Pastor
Rosen Heights Church,
Fort Worth, Texas

"The man who does not read good books," said Mark Twain, has no advantage over the man who cannot read." Of all the multiple ministries of present-day churches, the church library fills one of the most definite needs. This is true because so few people buy books of inspiration, Bible study, or doctrine.

You say you don't have time to read? It is a matter of disciplining your time. All of us spend too much time doing less important things when we could be reading. Carry a small book or magazine with you to read on the train or plane; pull one out while waiting for appointments at the barber shop, the beauty shop, or in the doctor's office.

Why should you spend time reading? A man's mental life is molded by what he reads. His understanding of the world about him is broadened or limited by the extent of his reading. Books are mind-stretchers that expand mental capacity. Modern man quickly finds that his waist gets larger and his mind smaller unless he does something drastic about each of them.

Unfortunately, some books are blights instead of blessings. One of the finest functions of the church library is to teach selectivity. Many readers spend their time on trash and trivia, or succumb to the avalanche of filthy literature that spills over our newsstands. The responsibility of the church library is to provide literature of substance which will make an important contribution to the lives of the men, women and children of the church.

In the Bible we find both precept and example from God concerning writing. He commanded many of His servants to write. Through the centuries, He has used and blessed the written word. The Bible, especially, is designed to inspire, to inform, to imprint the lives of men.

INSPIRATION

Emerson said that often the reading of a book affected the future of an individual. This was true in the life of Abraham Lincoln.

In partnership with another man, Lincoln owned a broken-down, nearly bankrupt business—a general store. One slow day a group of the men were sitting outside talking. "If I could just sell my part," said Lincoln, "for enough to pay my obligations, and have

for my share one copy of Blackstone's Study of Law, I would be willing to sell out." His friends laughed. This was just like Lincoln—willing to settle for a book.

A little later, a wagon pulled up in front. In it, an emigrating family bore the gauntness of hunger on their faces. "We are behind schedule," the man said. "We had bad luck on the trail. We've run out of money, and there isn't much left we can part with, but I have one barrel—I'd sell it to you for fifty cents."

Lincoln started to send the man on his way, but he saw the drawn face of the wife, tight-lipped, fearful, and hungry. When Lincoln saw the despair on her face, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a fifty-cent piece—the last cent he had. He gave it to the man. Without another word, the man rolled the barrel off the wagon and went on his way.

"Why don't you get your treasure inside?" one the men asked Lincoln at dusk. "You don't want to leave it out here all night."

When Lincoln began rolling the barrel into the store, he could hear so me thing thumping around inside. He reached in to investigate.

First, he pulled out only a handful of rags. His long arm reached again, and in the very bottom of the barrel his hand closed on a book. He stared at it in amazing disbelief. It was Blackstone! This was a moment of destiny in the life of one of the world's greatest men. One book can make all the difference!

"The best part of a book," said Oliver Wendell Holmes, "is not the thought it contains, but the thought it suggests to us." Its importance lies in what it does to us—the thought it stirs, the song it inspires, the action it prompts.

"The words of the wise are as prodding goads," said Solomon, "and firmly fixed in the mind like nails are the collected sayings" (Eccl. 12:11, Amp.).

A nail is used for fastening together, for holding an object securely, and also as a peg to hang up things. Truth, Solomon is saying, is the foundation to which man must be fastened securely, and his knowledge of truth comes from reading. The word has

always been mightier than the sword. It burns into the inner recesses of a man's being to make him feel that life is worth living and the truth worth dying for.

We in America should be grateful for the educational opportunities we have. We are constantly bombarded with new books, some good, some bad. In a recent year, 730 million books were published in America. But 720 million of them were comic books! How few are the books of truth, of inspiration of worthwhile information! Few homes today seem to have bookcases. Most people feel that if they have a magazine rack they have a library. Their children will never be taught to love books, to feel that intellect should be valued, to recognize that the mind needs to be exercised.

God frequently commanded men to write. To Isaiah He said, "note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever" (30:8). There are some things that must be kept, that must not be forgotten. The risen Christ directed the aged apostle John, "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter" (Rev. 1:19).

"Books are the ever-burning lamps of the accumulating wisdom of mankind," said G. W. Curtis.

A third symbol of the written word given in the Bible is the engraving tool—the "iron pen."

"Oh, that my words were now written!" cried Job. "Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth" (19:23-25).

In the dark, dismal days of Job's life, he wanted the great lessons he had learned written permanently for posterity. If his suffering and sorrow were to be remembered by his friends and enemies, he also wanted them to remember that he had a great God. He knew that his Redeemer lived forever, and that he, Job, would see Him one day. This was the assurance that Job wanted written down in a book.

I have officiated at memorial services when I could not help thinking, "What a waste to bury this mind, to bury this pen. What a waste!" A man's words were ended; he would

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How Mighty The Influence Of A Church Librarian!

By James W. Hatley, BSSB

I can remember that as a high school student I thought of books as dull, ineffective, dusty, peaceful objects that belonged in the dusty shelves of the library; slumbering quietly in that academic monastery that was our public school. Books were read by "dreamy" type individuals who wanted to cram their heads full of impractical theories that had nothing to do with the real materialistic hardheaded work in which we lived. Books to me, at that age, were tame, harmless and often futile to comprehend. Fortunately, a librarian took the time to introduce me to reading and I discovered that books were not a retreat from the world of reality, but an open door into a world that was far from harmless, certainly never innocent and frequently dynamic. Books were vital things capable of changing the direction of events in the direction of good or in the direction of evil.

Through discussions with

my librarian I discovered that political leaders, who have sought to dominate men, have always been keenly aware of the potentiality of books. When these men were tyrants ideas were suppressed, books were burned, and authors were often hunted men. These same tyrants, with a great deal of deceit, sought to turn to their own advantage the captured minds of men through books which they wrote, printed and distributed. Hitler's "Mein Kampf," Karl Marx's "Das Kapital" and the large volume of Lenin and Stalin writings were but forerunners of the "Thoughts of Mao Tse-tung." I have been prepared as an adult for the day of the Red Guards by the yesterdays of guided reading.

I am thankful that my high school librarian, who also served as our church librarian, introduced me to the exciting adventure of discovery through reading. Perhaps the most vital discovery made was my discovery of self. This wise Christian introduced me to the basic works in several areas, and by her clever introduction to reading she made me a life-long reading addict. She stretched my mind to receive the celebrated travel narratives of Marco Polo which naturally led me to Christopher Columbus' "Letter of 1493." This in turn led to Amerigo Vespucci's "Cosmographie Introductio" printed in 1497 by Waldseemüller, which led to Hukluyt's 16th century work called "Principal Navigations," "Voyages Traffiques and Discoveries of the English Nation," and Purchas' "Pilgrimes."

Later this same Christian

introduced me to Frederick Jackson Turner's "Frontier in American History," Thoreau's "Civil Disobedience," and Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle." My friend helped me see that Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," despite its fictional form is really a sociological document.

This amazing church librarian was bold enough in those days to expose me to Machiavelli's "The Prince" and read this book with me to be sure that I would know that it was primarily the attempt of one man to unify and free his beloved Italy. Had I missed this woman as a librarian I would not have known the importance of this book having been the companion of Emperor Charles V and Catherine de Medici. Oliver Cromwell had a manuscript copy and used much of it in his Commonwealth form of government. Henry II and Henry IV of France were carrying copies of this book when they were murdered. Frederick the Great used it to shape his Prussian policy and Louis XIV read himself to sleep with a copy of "The Prince." Adolf Hitler kept a copy of this book by his bedside and Mussolini read it often. How could anyone living in the last hundred years understand what was going on in his world without knowing about this book?

Much later my mind was conditioned to reading of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations" and Thomas Paine's "Common Sense." I was prepared for an understanding of the American Revolution, without ever knowing that I was supposed to be bored by history. She stilled with me through the tricky waters of

naval rearmament and its importance in 1890 by using Admiral Mahan's "Influence of Sea Power Upon History."

I am certain that this church librarian was an unusual and gifted person. Others may not be as gifted in their work. However, a church librarian can provide the most important ingredient of that relationship; the ingredient of interest. My church librarian saw a gangling, overgrown, loud and restless youth who could have used his energy discovering and getting into trouble. By showing the proper adult concern, by skilled selection of books and by a joint venture of reading of those books, a frustrated youth was released into a life-long habit of joy through reading.

Of course, some will wonder if she guided this youth to the great Christian classics. The answer to that question is, certainly! However, she had the patience and sense to wait until I was ready. I did read "Pilgrim's Progress" and many other Christian classics, but I read them only after she had excited my interest in them through a personal relationship. Frankly, had she 'gone at me' with religious books in the beginning—I would have run from that library as from the plague. I would have left it to the "book worms."

Because of a sound and patient introduction to classic Christian literature I developed a deep interest in religious subjects that I would never have otherwise experienced. As an adult I find that my basic theological beliefs have been shaped more from books that I have read than sermons that I have heard.

My basic personal ethic is perhaps the result of family teachings, but reading has given it strength based on reason. The reading of church history has answered the question WHY? that often came to me during sermons, but had never been answered in sermons. A book of Christian symbols used in art has made a visit to every church a discovery in beauty. A book of Christian devotions made army life more bearable and lonely nights more endurable. As an adult Christian when I am faced with shadows that all must experience, I find that a remembered passage

from a book that I have experienced gives the courage to trust.

No council was ever called to ordain my church librarian, but she was used of God to minister to my needs as a youth. Her ministry lives on.

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Peter's Sermon At Pentecost Christ Commissions His Church

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 2:14-47

Peter's sermon can be understood only in the light of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Peter, as the spokesman for the believers, stood up and addressed the multitude in Jerusalem. He explained that the special visitation of the Holy Spirit was the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel—that the Spirit would be given to "all flesh," that is, to persons without distinction as to their being prophets or plain people and without distinction as to sex or age or social status. Some three thousand persons responded to the sermon, acknowledging Christ as Lord and Saviour.

The Lesson Explained THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST (vv. 22-24, 32-36)

The multitude of people to whom Peter preached likely assembled in or near the Temple. Included in the audience were many who had shared in the crucifixion of Jesus, either as religious leaders or members of the Jerusalem mob crying out for Jesus' death. Peter declared these things about Jesus: God showed his approval of Jesus by working miracles through him; Jesus did his work openly, so that his mighty works were known to all the people; Jesus was crucified by lawless men, their deed instigated by the religious leaders of Israel; Jesus' crucifixion was actually in keeping with the sovereign purpose of God, that is, God allowing it to

make his death a means of redemption; then God raised up Jesus from the dead.

Peter went on to declare that he and his fellow believers were witnesses of the fact of the resurrection and that God had exalted the risen Jesus to his own right hand.

THE INDICTMENT OF GUILT (v. 37)

Peter's words, "whom ye have crucified," were a direct indictment of the "men of Israel" for the death of Jesus. This is not to say that the people of Jerusalem alone were responsible for the death of Jesus. The sin of humanity accounts for his death. But Peter was declaring to his hearers their guilt for unbelief in and rejection of Christ. The Holy Spirit made the truth declared by Peter the means of an aroused conscience. "They were pricked in their heart." With stinging conscience and penitent spirit, they cried out, "What shall we do?"

THE CALL TO REPENTANCE (vv. 38-39)

The instruction of Peter was a call to repentance. This means a change of mind and heart, with respect to one's sin and with respect to God in Christ. Repentance means a turning away from evil, so that there will be a change in attitude and conduct. There will be sorrow, not simple remorse, but turning toward God with yearning for forgiveness. Assuming true repentance, Peter admonished them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ—not as a means of procuring the forgiveness of sins but on the basis of forgiveness already experienced through repentance. Peter could assure his

By Bill Duncan
Matthew 28:16-20,
Luke 24:44-49

John 20:19-23, Act 1:1-8
Here we see grouped together the scriptures that are called the marching order of the church. The closing paragraph of Matthew's gospel has been called "The Great Commission". This one commission is called great because no other duty,



hearers that God would respond to their repentance with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Truths to Live By

God was in the redemptive work of Jesus. — From the beginning to the end, Jesus' life on earth was the expression of God's eternal purpose to redeem the world. He suffered shame and persecution and, finally, crucifixion according to the will of God and under the sovereign power of God. He was raised up from the dead by the power of God. All that Jesus did—and all that cruel and sinful men did to Jesus—was made the means of accomplishing God's wonderful plan for the redemption of men from sin.

Reality in repentance and conversion produces results. — It is both proper and normal for baptism to follow conversion. This is a matter of Christian duty and privilege. But this is only the beginning of the results of conversion. There is to be uprightness and goodness in proof of a new heart and a new life.

employment, trust or charge ever given to men is comparable to it in importance. The things to be done are great in themselves. It is great in view of the difficulties to be overcome. It is great in view of the means of its accomplishments. This commission was not made to the eleven disciples alone, but to the church. This is His final order to the church—"GO."

Commission by Authority

If we "go" with any heart, we must have clear and decisive convictions on the force or authority which sends us out. Jesus of Nazareth now claims all the prerogatives of absolute Deity and he says this was given. Logically, the authority of this text was not conferred on Jesus until the atonement was completed. His investment of authority was for the purpose of accomplishing the objects of the atonement. The authority of Jesus in His early life had been great, but now it is boundless. By virtue of this exaltation, He bids his disciples to go. Some have said that the authority was limited from his resurrection to our resurrection. If the authority were limited in time, it is without limit in extent. The name of Him who said "go" is above every name. Lose sight of this fact and the commission staggers you. Take it into suitable account and all difficulties vanish. In the name of the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent Lord God Messiah, we are to evangelize the earth.

No subordinate can countermand that commission. Contrary orders by kings and governments are null and void. The commission is mandatory, not optional.

Commission With Promise

The risen Lord, Messiah, encircles His disciples with the promise that they need most for the accomplishment of their work. "Lo, I am with you." He gives the assurance of His continual presence with them. His presence by the Spirit was promised to all who faithfully carry out this commission. Christ promises to be with the disciples if they teach the nations what He has commanded. The disciples have no right to expect His blessed presence when they are neglecting His orders. If we are obedient, He is with us in the person of the Spirit. He will be in our hearts, church and in all our work.

In Acts 1:8 there is the promise of power. This power is associated with the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is the promise of ability that comes as a result of the gift of the Spirit. It is the power of ability to evangelize through witnessing. The event of Pentecost is history, but this power is available to the modern believer. The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the church is like a new creation, she is reawakened and recreated for her task.

Commission for Witness

The power of the Spirit was going to make them Christ's witnesses. This witness according to Acts 1:8 was to operate in an ever-extending series of concentric orders leading out into the heathen world and further. The witness was to declare that which he knew to be the truth. Luke says that the witnesses were to declare the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus. They were to witness of that which they had heard, to what they had seen with their eyes, to what they had beheld concerning the world. A real witness is also the witness of deeds. The sheer weight of the witness of a man's life can be irresistible. A most suggestive fact concerning the Greek word "witness" is that it also means martyr. A witness had to be ready to become a martyr. To be a witness means to be loyal no matter what the cost.

The power for witnessing is to a person not creed or philosophy Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me". The church's first task is to tell



EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM OPENED HIS PUERTO RICO CAMPAIGN March 19th and was greeted by 14,000 people at the initial service in Hiram Bithorn Stadium in San Juan. The campaign drew more than 112,000 people in Puerto Rico's capital city. The evangelistic effort ended March 26th.

The Blessing . . .

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write no more books. Yet when I went back to my study to hold in my hands the books he wrote, I recognized that his words were not ended. He had given to me his immortality of thought, the ideas he treasured, the outpouring of his spirit which was eternal. Books are not only to be reviewed, they are to be revered. I love, not only to take books into my hands, but into my heart. When I look on the flyleaf of a book and see the signature there of someone I have loved and who has gone on before me, when I see the things that made this book live for him, I feel I have a part of his life remaining with me. Books should never be treated lightly as they are the products of a man's mind.

When Paul approached his time of dying, he asked for three things. "Bring the cloak which I left at Troas . . . and the books, but especially the parchments." (2 Tim. 4:13). "Bring me my cloak" — the body has its needs, its hunger and thirst, and it is not to be neglected. God is interested in the whole man.

"Bring me my books," Paul wrote Timothy. I wish he had named them. Were they books written by Gamaliel, or some other learned teacher of the Jews? Perhaps Paul is saying, "The only way I can rise above this jail cell is to focus my mind on other things. My mind craves books."

Or is he saying, "Bring me the book"? For the real essentials of life are not merely physical and mental, but spiritual as well. Man is no animal made only for bed and bread, but a creature made by God with eternal longings. When Sir Walter Scott was approaching death, he spoke haltingly, almost incoherently, to his son: Bring me the book! The son brought the novel he knew was the favorite from his father's pen. Weakly rejecting it, the old man said again, "Son, bring me the book."

"Which book?" asked the son. "There is just one Book!" the great writer said.

There is just one Book! Neglect all others, but don't neglect this, or you will be nothing; for this is the recipe for all that God would have us be. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein" (Rev. 1:3).

Christ when he perfectly loves Him and obeys Him. The only message of the church is the message of Christ.

Jesus said as God has sent Him forth, so He sent them the world of Jesus. One is only fit to be a messenger of forth. This means that Jesus Christ needs the church. Christ was leaving the earth and he needed the church to deliver his message. Jesus was dependent upon His church to continue what he started. This means the church needs Jesus. Without Him the church has no message, power, no one to turn to in difficulties, no one to enlighten her mind and strengthen her hand. The church is dependent upon Jesus.

Wayne Tippitt, Broadway actor, radio and television star, reads from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible on the American Bible Society's new Talking Bible Records entitled "Fifty Favorite Chapters" of the Bible.

Music

Music Directors Asked To Sing In "Elijah" Saturday, April 15, 7:00 P. M.

All church music directors are asked to join the youth choirs and college choirs in singing the oratorio "Elijah" on April 15.

Here is the schedule of activities for Saturday:

2:00 P.M.	Registration
2:30 P.M.	Seating
2:45 P.M.	Rehearsal
4:00 P.M.	Break
4:15 P.M.	Rehearsal
5:15 P.M.	Supper
6:15 P.M.	Warm-up
7:00 P.M.	CONCERT: "ELIJAH"

Please plan to attend the rehearsals on Saturday. Bring your "Elijah" score.

Woman's Missionary Union Associational Officers' Clinic

All WMU Associational Officers should plan to attend the Officers' Clinic to be held at Camp Garaywa on May 2. Officers expected include: President, Vice-President, YWA Director, GA Director, Sunbeam Band Director, Associational Superintendent of Missions.

The Clinic begins at 9:30 A.M. with a worship period in the auditorium. During the afternoon, divided conferences will be provided for each of the officers. The Clinic will adjourn at 3:00 P.M. The state WMU will provide lunch.

This is your opportunity to

better prepare yourself to serve the Lord as an associational WMU officer.

Smith Accepts Crooked Creek

Rev. Edward Smith has resigned the pastorate of Beulah Church, Newton County, to become the new pastor of Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County.

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Ground breaking services for a new education unit and interim auditorium for Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, were held Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 a. m. on the church grounds.

The ground breaking was held between Sunday school and the 11:00 worship service and the 8:30 and 11:00 congregations held combined services at the church at 11:00.

The occasion marked the fourth addition to Colonial Heights Church since being founded in 1956. The new building will contain 20,000 square feet, and will provide space for adults, intermediates and junior Sunday School classes in addition to an interim auditorium which will seat 500. When the church sanctuary is completed, the interim addition will become a fellowship hall.

The building will contain 20,000 square feet, and will cost approximately \$280,000 and the contract for construction has been awarded to Dickerson Construction Company. The architects for this addition were Dean, Pursell and Gardner.

Participants in the ground breaking were the pastor, members of the building committee and representatives of the architects and contractors. Members of the building committee are:

Ralph Rives, Chairman, George Chambers, W. C. Smith, Jr., Jim Crosby, Jim White, Larry Berg, Craig Cook, David Keith, Bilbo Young and George Farr.

Financing for the new addition is being handled by the Church Building and Saving Association.

Colonial Heights Church was started as a mission on January 8, 1956 and has grown into a congregation of 602 with a Sunday School enrollment of 636. The present pastor, and pastor since August 1956, is the Rev. Sam Mason.

New Zion Church Has "Mr. Delta Day"

On April 2, the New Zion Church of Route 1, Liberty, declared the day as "Mr. Delta Day" in honor of its senior deacon, Delta Cruise, for his years of dedicated and faithful service to the church and the community.

The pastor, Rev. Basil Wicker, Jr., announced the purpose of the meeting which was a complete surprise to Mr. Cruise. Mr. and Mrs. Cruise were presented corsages by Mrs. Paul Rice. Others on the program were Mrs. Ronnie Byrd and Clarke Whitehead who presented two of Mr. Cruise's favorite songs and Mr. Ronnie Byrd, Mr. Leslie Byrd, Mr. Gary Bowlin, Mr. Marion Carnegie, and Rev. Wicker who all spoke words of appreciation to Mr. Cruise for what he has meant to them through the years.

Glen Bowlin presented to Mr. Cruise a plaque with the words inscribed, "Mr. Delta Day" New Zion Baptist Church, 4-2-67.

After the program, there was a reception held in honor of Mr. Cruise. Miss Cynthia Cruise presided at the



PLANS TO EXPAND evangelistic activities throughout the Americas were emphasized as Baptist Sunday School and Training Union secretaries, representing 50 states, convened at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi. Other immediate and long-range planning was outlined by both groups. Prominent among leaders of the session are, left to right above, seated: Dr. Philip Harris, Nashville, Baptist Training Union Department, and Dr. A. B. Washburn, Nashville, executive, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. Standing: Kermit S. King, Jackson, director of the Mississippi Training Union Department; and Bryant Cummings, Jackson, Mississippi Sunday School secretary.

Beacon Street Young People To Interview Air Force Panel

Mrs. Ed. Durham, Director of the Training Union, at Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, has announced that plans are complete for a visiting Air Force panel to be present during the Training Union hour on April 16. This panel is the second to appear before the Young Peoples Training Union Department this year. The first panel consisted of parents from the church who answered questions concerning dating ethics, etc.

This second panel will consist of personnel from one of the Air Force Bases, under the leadership of Chaplain B. J. Dier. An attempt will be made to give the young people an insight into military life in the Air Force and to answer questions concerning the military obligations of young men approaching the draft age. Many of these men will give their own personal accounts of life and experiences in the Air Force.

Children To Visit Base
The children and young people of Beacon Street

Known as "The City of Magnificent Distances," Washington, D.C. is famous for its wide avenues and scenic vistas. Constructed on the site approved for the new capital by President Washington, the city was designed by a French engineer who had fought in the American Revolution, Pierre Charles L'Enfant.

register while Mrs. Paul Rice and Mrs. Willie Jo Cruise presided at the punch and cake service. Approximately 150 attended.

Church will visit Columbus Air Force Base, on Saturday April 8, during the open house activities scheduled by Air Force officials.

Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor, and Rev. William Tucker, associate pastor will accompany the young people to the base where they will witness an aerial demonstration, by the Air Force Thunderbirds. The Army parachute team, The Golden Knights, will perform aerial maneuvers during the show. Other activities will include an exhibition of the Canine Corps; Precision March Bands and an inspection of aircraft on display.

MC Prof Promotes World Tour

CLINTON, Miss. — An around-the-world luxury tour is being promoted by Dr. Gertrude Lippert, professor of German at Mississippi College.

The 38-day tour, covering almost all the major cities of the world, will depart Los Angeles on July 3 and return via New York on August 9.

Between the two U. S. cities the tour group will visit Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Bangkok, India, Iran, Egypt, the Holy Land, Israel, Greece, Rome, Switzerland, and London. All travel between the various countries will be by jet, while in Japan the travelers will ride "the fastest train in the world."

Serving as conductors of the luxury tour will be Dr. and Mrs. W. Landon Miller of Richmond, Va. Dr. Miller, pastor of the Northminster Baptist Church of Richmond, has had wide experience as a world traveler.

Cost of the tour will be \$2695. This figure includes everything — all transportation, sightseeing, guide service, hotels, visas, airport taxes, all tips, transfers, plus many bonus items.

Only the best luxury-deluxe hotels will be used, featuring twin beds with private bath. Most meals will be at the hotels or in famous restaurants along the tour route. All meals are included in the fee.

Anyone interested in securing additional information about the tour or a full-color brochure outlining the tour itinerary should contact Dr. Lippert at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

Damascus Plans Homecoming Day

Damascus Church, Franklin County, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, April 16. Rev. Floyd Britt, former pastor, will bring the special homecoming message at the morning service.

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by dinner on the grounds. In the afternoon there will be a cemetery business meeting and a special song service.

Rev. Larry Miller is the pastor.

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FOR RESERVATIONS WRITE: W. T. Douglas
Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss.

REVIVAL RESULTS

West Corinth Church, Corinth: March 19-24; Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor at Calvary, Meridian, evangelist; C. Roland Boyd of Calvary, Meridian, singer; Rev. T. Phillips Heard pastor; 16 professions of faith; six additions by letter. Thirteen were baptized Easter Sunday morning.

a number equaling the number of baptisms for the entire year 1965-66.

Lowrey Creek (Jones): Rev. Charles Williams, evangelist; Paul Ball, Jr., singer; Elven E. Fairchild, pastor; 15 professions of faith; one called to preach; several other decisions; "Greatest manifestation of God's power we have experienced," according to pastor.

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Training Union

Nominations for the Dedicated Youth Conference Ensemble are now being accepted by the Training Union Department. This singing group is composed of about twelve high school students selected by audition and interview from every section of the state. Auditions for an accompanist will also be held.

To be eligible to audition for this ensemble the following requirements must be met:

- Be in the last three years of high school during the 1967-68 school year.
- Have made a public commitment to seek God's will in choosing an occupation and should be exemplary in Christian character and dedication.
- Be willing to spend the week of July 17-22 at Gulfshore Assembly at the expense of the Training Union Department for the purpose of rehearsal.
- Attend a scheduled rehearsal during a week-end in

October or November and attend the Dedicated Youth Conference.

5. Possess a good singing voice. Sight-reading ability is not required but is extremely helpful. This requirement does not apply for those auditioning for accompanist.

Nominations may be made only by the minister of music (staff member or volunteer) and/or pastor of the church in which the student is a member. Exceptions will be made where the church has neither of these. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Training Union Department.

Eligible high school students who are interested should discuss the matter with their pastor or minister of music.

Auditions will be held in May and all nominations must be made by May 1. For further information write the Training Union Department.

DEVOTIONAL

Boldness In His Presence

By Malcolm A. Jones, Pastor, First, Houston
Hebrews 10:19-25

In this homily we find a word of great encouragement to our Christian growth, and development. "Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." The presence of God has always been that which has been sought after throughout endless age, but of which men either feared or despaired. To know the presence of God is to know God Himself. In the Old Testament, the presence of God is seen as being limited. It came upon men on special occasions in order to perform special functions and was erratic in nature. Usually the presence of God was fear-related. In the New Testament the presence of God is seen in a new dimension. God's presence is personal and it makes application to individual needs. His presence is unlimited, being promised to fall upon all flesh regardless of sex, creed or status. The characteristic of this presence is found to be that which fills us to completeness, empowers us for tasks, cleanses us of sin, provides confidence and courage for us in order that we might exalt God in His work. It is God's presence through which we understand His purposes that would attune our lives to His.

No wonder the Hebrew writer encourages us that with the understanding of this presence and because of the provision of Jesus through His death we ought to continue to have boldness to enter into the presence of God. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. God has opened up the whole canopy of heaven in order that we might be the fulfillment of His purpose in Christ."

Jesus has entered into heaven and this is an evidence of Saviourship. There He makes intercession for us forever throughout our continuing experience with life which is an evidence of Mediatorship. He has given a liberty of approach and this gives evidence we will be heard and God's power is available to our needs.

Fellowship Bible Classes
Have Special Issues For Use

NASHVILLE — Fellowship (neighborhood) Bible classes will study special issues of "The Story of Redemption I" for this undated quarter (April, May and June).

In studying lessons 1-3 the Bible classes will be dealing with "The Creation and Fall." Classes will study covenant relations with the Hebrew people in lessons 6-11.

Lessons 6-11 of "The Story of Redemption I" is an Old Testament study, which presents God's acts of mercy and judgment in meeting the needs of his people despite their unbelief and disobedience. The Bible classes will study the fulfillment of the covenant promise in the birth

of Christ in the final two lessons.

These special issues of "The Story of Redemption I" are the third in a series of four to be used with Fellowship Bible classes. The series is provided to reach prospects for a church, locate a church in a new area, or reach church members who are unable to participate in the church's program.

"The Story of Redemption I" including teacher's book as well as class member's leaflets is listed on the church literature order form for April, May and June. The Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, Nashville, prepared the lessons.



Rev. W. L. Holcomb

W. L. Holcomb
Retires

Rev. W. L. Holcomb, pastor of First Church, Winfield, La., since 1950, and former Mississippian, retired from the active pastorate effective April 1.

He formerly served as pastor at Mt. Olive, Prentiss, and Forest. For three years he was Director of Temperance Activities with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Born in Purvis, he married Miss Gladys Dyer, a native of Alabama who moved to Purvis at age 13.

Upon surrendering to the ministry in 1928 he entered Mississippi College, where he earned the B. A. degree in 1931. From New Orleans Seminary he earned the Th. M. degree in 1934 and the Th. D. degree in 1936.

He has served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; also on the Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Board; as Moderator of several Associations; as member and President of the Board of Trustees of Clarke College; and on the Alexandria Baptist Hospital Board of Trustees.

Dr. and Mrs. Holcomb have one son, James Truett Holcomb, Pineville, La.

Dr. Holcomb is open for revivals, interim pastoral and supply work. His address is 1424 Donahue Ferry Road, Pineville, Louisiana, 71360. Telephone 442-2302.

Revival Results

Mt. Olive Church (Prentiss): April 16-23; Rev. Emerson Tedder, Jr., pastor East Philadelphia Church, evangelist; Lee Alvis Crawford, music director of Ingram Church song leader; services at 7:15 p.m.; Rev. H. T. Curbow, pastor.

First Church, Bruce: April 16-23; Rev. Larry G. Rohman, pastor First Church, Biloxi, evangelist; Rev. Ben C. Scarborough, minister of music and education at Bruce, music director; Mrs. Harry Waller, organist; Miss Sherri Collins, pianist; weekday services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday night service at 7:30; Sunday services at 9:00, 11:00 and 7:30; Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor.

38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg: April 16-23; Rev. Joe Blackwell, pastor of First Church, Kreole, evangelist; Alon J. Colletti, minister of music - education at 38th Avenue Church, music director; Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday services at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. V. C. Windham, pastor.

Union Chapel, Okolona: April 9-16; evening services only, at 7 p.m.; Rev. Charlie Thompson, pastor at Beulah Church Statesville, North Carolina, and former pastor at Union Chapel, evangelist; Rev. Wm. D. Dawkins, pastor.

Cedar Bluff Church, Cedar Bluff: April 15-19; services nightly at 7:30; Rev. Daniel Springfield, the church's new pastor, evangelist.

Easthaven Church, Brookhaven: April 16-23; Rev. Donald R. Smith, missionary to Venezuela, evangelist; Rev. W. Edward Thiele, pastor; services at 7 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Center Ridge Church (Yazoo Association) April 16-21; evangelist, Rev. T. D. Sumrall, East McComb, McComb; music director, Rev. R. L. Sigrest, Jr., Yazoo City; services each evening at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billy R. Williams, pastor.

First Church, Crystal Springs: April 16-23; Rev. Fred Tarpley, (pictured) Superintendent of Missions for Hinds County, evangelist; Tom Moak, music director, Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, singer, services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Estus Mason, pastor.

Emmanuel Church, Ocean Springs: April 23-28; Rev. Paul Kirke of Gautier, associate pastor at First, Pascagoula, evangelist; Charles (Chuck) Wilson, music director; Mrs. Jayne Spiers, organist; Mrs. Kay Hill, pianist; Rev. Bertus West, pastor.

South 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg: April 16 - 21; evangelist Edward R. Bryon, (pictured) of Clinton; Dallas Rayborn of Hattiesburg, singer; services at regular times Sunday, and at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Rev. Ed Gandy, pastor.

Flora Church: April 16-21; Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor at Calvary Church, Jackson, evangelist; Jerrell Rogers, in charge of music; Rev. James E. Walker, pastor; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mesa Church (Tylertown): April 24 - 30; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James King, (pictured) pastor; Trinity Church, Mobile, Ala., Evangelist, Charles Ivy, song leader; Rev. Tommy King, pastor.

Crooked Creek (Lawrence): April 16 - 21; Rev. Edward

Smith, pastor and evangelist; services nightly at 7. First Church, Meridian: April 9-16; services at 7:20 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Dr. Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and native of Meridian, evangelist; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, pastor.

Bellevue (Lamar): April 16-21; Sunday services at 11 and 7; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jim Nunnelee, pastor, evangelist; Ralph McCarrall, minister of music, in

Abbeville (Lafayette): April 16-23; services nightly at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Harold Scott, pastor, First Church, Byhalia, evangelist; Rev. Herbert Batson, minister of education, First Church, Oxford, song leader; Rev. Robert C. Ryan, pastor.

Crestview, Petal: April 16-23; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Gandy, Mobile, Alabama, evangelist; J. B. Betts, singer; Rev. Olyn F. Roberts, pastor.

Grandview Church, Rankin: April 16-23; Sunday services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. No Saturday services; Rev. Clarence Cutrell, (pictured) superintendent of missions of Rankin Association, evangelist; Glen Turner, minister of music of church and MC student, music director; Rev. Bill Beam, pastor.

Forest Hill (Hills): April 17-23; Rev. Bill Causey, evangelist; Bethea Fielding, directing music; services 6:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; church wide picnic and service, Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Schell Lake on Timberlawn Road; Rev. Wilbur Irwin, pastor.

Highland, Jackson: April 16-23; Rev. Keith Part, pastor, evangelist; Clayton Pope, will direct music; Instrumentalists, Mrs. Liles Champion and William Jones; Regular services on Sunday; week day evening services at 7:30 p.m.; On Saturday evening there



Rev. D. L. Byrd

Galilee, Gloster
Calls Pastor

Rev. DeVon L. Byrd, native of Greene County, has accepted the pastorate of Galilee Church, Gloster. The congregation welcomed him with a reception following the evening worship service, on his first Sunday with them, on April 2.

He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. His former pastorates include Indian Springs Church, Perry County; Southway Church, Brookhaven; and Oakgrove Church, Prentiss. Mr. Byrd has been in the pastorate for nine years.

He is married to the former Lynda Dunkley of Beaumont. They have two children.

will be a Church-wide hamburger cook out at 6:30, with all-night prayer meeting to follow.

First, Brandon: April 16-23; Dr. Joe H. Cothen, Alta Woods, Jackson, evangelist; Arlis Nichols, music director; Rev. Carey Cox, pastor; services each day 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Blythe Creek (Choctaw): April 16-23; Rev. W. Truett Broadus, evangelist; Alvin R. Sandifer, pastor; services each day 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



THE TREBLE TEENS from the Baptist Children's Village will highlight the music in revival services at Oak Forest Church, in Jackson April 16-23. Services will be held at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily. Rev. Don Watterson, pastor of the Cottage Hill Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., will be the evangelist. Jerry Talley, minister of music at Oak Forest, will direct congregational singing. Rev. Tom Hudson is pastor.

Dominican
Republic Church
Organized

Ozama Baptist Church, first church to result from Southern Baptist mission work in the Dominican Republic, was formally organized February 5, with 25 charter members, according to Missionary Bill W. Coffman.



Daniel Springfield

CEDAR BLUFF
CALLS PASTOR

Cedar Bluff Church at Cedar Bluff has called Rev. Daniel Springfield as pastor.

Mr. Springfield resigned at Rock Branch Church, Union, and has been on the new field for several weeks. Already the church has been "making great strides in the work." There have been three additions by letter and eight professions of faith.

The church will hold revival services April 15-19, with the new pastor preaching. (See "Revival Dates" column.)

MC TO HOST
JUNIOR HIGH
BAND FESTIVAL

Mississippi College will host the first Mississippi Junior High School Band Festival on April 15 according to Jack Jones, band director at the college.

The day's activities will begin at 9 a.m. in Nelson Hall auditorium with the concert competition. The bands will then move to Robinson Field for marching competition. Sight reading will also be a part of the festival, but each band will have an option as to whether they want to participate or not.

The festival will culminate with the presentation of band certificates and individual medals on Robinson Field at noon.

Judges for the three-category competition will be Raymond Young, conductor of the marching band at the University of Southern Mississippi; Ray Patton, band director at Pearl River Junior College; and Ray Carol, band director at Holmes Junior College. Inspection will be conducted by members of the 20th "Special Forces" Company of Jackson. These members wear the green beret and will be inspecting both personnel and equipment.

The Mississippi State Band Festival, sponsored by the Mississippi High School Activities Association, was held there last week.

Names In The News

Miss Dann Stampley, missionary to Ghana, has returned to the States for medical leave. She may be addressed, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. Miss Stampley is a native of Bentonla, Miss. When she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1961 she was elementary director at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.

Larry Rohman was the speaker for annual William Carey College Baptist Student Union Banquet held April 11, at 7:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. He is the pastor of First Church, Biloxi.

Mrs. Carl L. Ray began her service as secretary in the Rankin County Association missions office on Monday, April 3. She lives at 3114 Eastland Drive, Jackson, with her husband and two daughters, Gloria Ann, 6, and Amaryllis, 5. She is a member of McLaurin Heights Church.

Rev. Albert Breazeale has resigned as pastor at Briar Hill in Rankin County to accept the pastorate at Shaw.

Dr. W. W. Stevens, professor at Mississippi College is now serving as pastor of the Johns Church in Rankin County. He preaches for them each second and fourth Sunday.

Rev. Bob Hutchenson has resigned as pastor of Rehobeth Church in Rankin County to become associate pastor at Pearl, where Rev. Carl Talbert is pastor.

A Mississippi College language instructor has been chosen to participate in the Experiment in International Living Program for the coming summer. Miss Linda Lane, instructor in French, will be the participant. She will be living in France for the summer and will possibly take part in a study program on the medieval civilizations. Miss Lane will begin the summer with two weeks of intensive study and orientation in Vermont before continuing to France for the main phase of the program. While in France she will be billeted with a selected French family

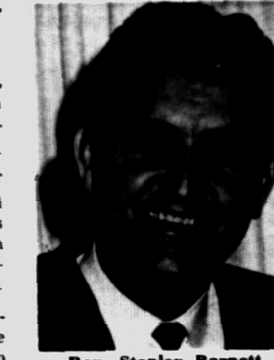
and will become involved in all their activities. After spending a month in this situation, she and one member of her "adopted" family will spend two-and-a-half weeks traveling about the French countryside with other members of the experiment group.

Dr. and Mrs. Jasper L. McPhail, missionaries on leave from India, have moved to Spartanburg, S. C., where they may be addressed at E-7 Georgetown Village. Dr. McPhail is a native of State Spring, Miss.; Mrs. McPhail, the former Dorothy Binford, was born in Dumas, Ark., and lived in several Arkansas communities and Memphis, Tenn., while growing up.

Dr. Hollis B. Todd, professor of speech and chairman of the Department of Speech and Drama at Mississippi College, has been elected president of the Mississippi Speech Association. At the same meeting, Miss Bonnie Breedlove of Charleston, a student at Mississippi College, was declared the first place winner in the Women's Oratorical Contest.

Four debaters represented the Mississippi College Debate Team at the Pi Kappa Delta National Debate Tournament in Wisconsin last month. Bonnie Breedlove of Charleston, and Dianne Burgess of Leland, competed in the Women's Division while Louise Huffman of Jackson, and Carol Braswell of Long Beach, represented the college in the Cross Examination contest. The six-day tournament began on March 27 and continued through the 31. Wisconsin State College in Whitewater was host. Dr. Hollis B. Todd, professor of speech and chairman of the department of speech and drama at Mississippi College was the director of the Women's Division of the competition.

If you are a city dweller, you have more company than you may realize. 85% of the entire population of the U. S. lives in the 225 metropolitan areas with populations of 50,000 or more.



Rev. Stanley Barnett

Accepts Pastorate
In Alabama

Rev. Stanley B. Barnett, after a successful pastorate in Meridian, at the Oakland Heights Church, has accepted the unanimous call of the Vinesville Church, Birmingham, Ala. to become its pastor beginning May 1.

Barnett is a native Mississippian, a graduate of Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. His seventeen years in the pastorate has been in Mississippi and Tennessee. His work has been marked by growth in evangelism, missions, and stewardship.

Mrs. Barnett is the former Estelle Vines of Philadelphia. They have two children: Cynthia, a junior in high school, and Thomas, a fifth grade student.

Churches
In The News

Carson Ridge Church, near Ethel, announces annual Homecoming Day to be held April 23. There will be all-day singing with dinner on the grounds at noon. "All former pastors, singers, and friends are invited," says the church clerk.

Perkinson Church ordained James F. Shill as deacon on April 2. Rev. J. W. Brister, Gulf Coast superintendent of missions, delivered the ordination message. The pastor, Rev. Jerry Estes, gave the charge to the new deacon. Others on program were Randle Dedaux, Clyde Strickland, Gerald Buchanan, and Rev. Ben Bryant.

Gilfoy Students
To Speak At
Ackerman, Leland

Continuing their public relations trips to churches throughout the state, teams of students from Mississippi Baptist Hospital's Gilfoy School of Nursing will visit churches in Ackerman and Leland this Sunday, April 16. The students will present programs about the school and the hospital during the evening worship service at the First Baptist Church in each city.

Accompanying the group traveling to Ackerman will be Margaret Smith and Carmelita Shurden, Gilfoy students who are natives of Ackerman. Accompanying the group visiting Leland will be Linda Dendy, Sandra Carter, Mary Columbus, Sandra Shumaker, and Linda Giardina.

"The City of the Three Kings" is Cologne, Germany, which one legend claims to be the burial place of the Magi.



THE 1967 TRAINING UNION leadership and youth conferences at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly will feature these Southern Baptist leaders. Speaking June 8-14 will be (top row) Robert L. Smith, pastor of First Church, Houston, and Chester E. Swor of Jackson, Miss., who is engaged in full-time religious lecture work and counseling. Speakers for June 15-21 will be (bottom row) Walter A. Fogg, pastor of Arlington Avenue Church, Riverside, Calif., and Kenneth L. Chaffin, Billy Graham professor of evangelism, Southern Seminary, Louisville. —SSS Photo

Off The
Record

Standing in a line at the ticket office of a movie theater, an old gentleman whispered to the person behind him, "Take a look at the little character in front of me with the poodle cut and the blue jeans. Is it a boy or a girl?"

"It's a girl," came the angry reply. "I ought to know. It's my daughter."

"Forgive me, sir!" apologized the old fellow. "I never dreamed you were her father."

"I'm not," said the slack-jawed parent. "I'm her mother."

A tourist is a man who travels to see things that are different and then complains when they aren't the same.

Angry farmer: "See, here, that horse you sold me dropped dead."

Dealer: "Can't help that, Sir. He never did that while I had him."

Eccentric: Someone who minds his own business.

Most footprints on the sands of time were left by work shoes.

The minutes you put in at the table don't make you fat. It's the seconds.

Horn Lake
Layman To Preach
In South America

A retired dairyman-farmer from Horn Lake, Mississippi will work in a month-long evangelistic crusade in three South American countries beginning April 16.

J. G. Allen will join ten other leading Baptist laymen in the United States who will pay their own expenses to share their Christian faith in Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay. The crusade in Chile will be held on April 16-26, Uruguay, April 29-May 7; and Paraguay, May 7-13.

Mr. Allen will visit in homes and take talks to churches and groups.

The crusades are sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood Commission in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC.